

Amendments to the Claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to convert the previously allowed claim 3 into an independent claim. The amendments to claim 1 include the limitations of former claims 2 and 3.

Claims 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13 have been amended to reflect changes in dependency and to further clarify language.

Claims 2, 3, 4, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 have been cancelled. Claim 9 was cancelled by prior amendment.

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims.

1 (currently amended): A tripod for supporting a device above a ground surface comprising:

- a) a platform base for supporting the device;
- b) three leg assemblies coupled to the platform base, each said leg assembly comprising a triangular structure having an apex located at a foot of each leg assembly and comprising a pair of rods having first ends coupled to said platform base a predetermined distance apart and having distal ends coupled to said foot;
- c) three support link assemblies extending in a substantially vertically downward direction to a central point below said base, each said support link assembly comprising a triangular structure having an apex located at said central point and comprising a pair of members coupled to said base a predetermined distance apart at a first and coupled together at said central point;

- d) three sets of stabilizer links coupled at one end to said central point and at a second end to a respective one of said leg assemblies; and
- e) three caster assemblies coupled to respective ones of said leg assemblies at a distal end thereof, each caster assembly having a stabilizer member acting adjacent to said caster assembly so as to bear selectively against the ground surface.

2-4 (cancelled).

5 (currently amended): The tripod ~~stand~~ of claim ~~[[4]]~~ 1 wherein said caster assemblies have at least one wheel.

6 (currently amended): The tripod ~~stand~~ of claim ~~[[5]]~~ 1 wherein each of said caster assemblies includes a pair of wheels.

7 (currently amended): The tripod ~~stand~~ of claim 6 wherein said pair of wheels are spaced a predetermined distance apart and said stabilizer member comprises a threaded bolt inserted through a threaded aperture in said foot so as to be selectively extendable between said pair of wheels.

8 (currently amended): The tripod ~~stand~~ of claim ~~[[4]]~~ 1 wherein each of said leg assemblies includes a foot having a threaded aperture and wherein said stabilizer member is selectively adjustable through said threaded aperture.

9 (cancelled).

10 (currently amended): The tripod ~~stand~~ of claim ~~[[4]]~~ 8 wherein said stabilizer members comprise elongate ground surface engaging members.

11 (currently amended): The tripod ~~stand~~ of claim 10 wherein said elongate ground surface engaging members are threaded rods.

12 (currently amended): The tripod ~~stand~~ of claim 11 wherein each of said feet ~~have~~
has a threaded aperture adapted to receive said threaded rods.

13 (currently amended): The tripod of claim [[2]] 1 wherein the platform base includes
three hollow cylindrical members coupled to said first ends of each of said rods in each
respective leg assembly.

14-19 (cancelled).